

Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops**TWA/55/1 Rev.****Fifty-Fifth Session
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REVISED DRAFT AGENDA*prepared by the Office of the Union**Disclaimer: this document does not represent UPOV policies or guidance*

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
- Matters for discussion
3. Development of guidance and information materials (documents TWP/10/1 and TWA/55/9)
 - Number of growing cycles and concluding examination
4. Procedures for DUS examination
 - *Cannabis* L. Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO) Test Protocol (TP) (document TWA/55/7)
5. Support for drafting national test guidelines (presentations invited on characteristics, approaches or challenges relevant for national test guidelines) (document TWP/10/3)
6. Measures to improve support provided for DUS examination
 - Possible Measures on Test Guidelines (TGs) and online tool for drafting TGs (document TWP/10/3)
7. Technical Questionnaire, section 4.2: "Method of propagating the variety" (document TWP/10/5)
8. Variety description databases
 - Digital management of the variety collection with KORA software (document TWA/55/6)
9. Image analysis and new technologies in DUS examination
 - Development of image analysis method for DUS testing of maize varieties (document TWA/55/5 Rev.)
10. Molecular techniques in DUS examination (document TWP/10/4)
 - (a) Survey on the use of molecular marker techniques 2026 (document TWP/10/4 Add.)
 - (b) Exploring the potential use of UPOV model "Combining Phenotypic and Molecular Distances in the Management of Variety Collections" for bread wheat in France (document TWM/4/24-TWA/55/8)
 - (c) Molecular markers for DUS tests in Italy (document TWA/55/10)
11. Experiences with new types and species (oral reports invited)
12. Experiences and notification of additional characteristics or states of expression (document TWP/10/2)
 - Ongoing European work on barley protocol (document TWA/55/4)
13. Discussion on draft Test Guidelines (Subgroups)

Full draft Test Guidelines

- *Fodder Beet (*Beta vulgaris* L. Fodder Beet Group) (Revision) (document TG/150/4(proj.3))
- *Grain Amaranth (*Amaranthus* L.) (Revision) (document TG/247/2 (proj.2))
- *Mung Bean (*Vigna radiata* (L.) R. Wilczek) (Revision) (document TG/VIGNA_RAD (proj.3))
- *Sugarcane (*Saccharum* L.) (Revision) (document TG/186/2(proj.6))
- White Clover (*Trifolium repens* L.) (Revision) (document TG/38/8(proj.1))
- White Mustard (*Sinapis alba* L.) (Revision) (TG/179/4 (proj.1))

Partial revisions

- Sweet Potato (*Ipomoea batatas* (L.) Lam.) (Partial revision: Adding a new characteristic “Leaf blade: anthocyanin coloration of nectary”; Adding a new shape to “Storage root: shape”; Adding new colors to “Storage root: main color of flesh”; Revision of example variety for char. 23) (documents TG/258/1 and TWA/55/3)

14. Recommendations on draft Test Guidelines
15. Date and place of the next session
16. Future program
17. Adoption of the report on the session (if time permits)

Matters for information

18. Reports from members and observers (document TWA/55/2)
19. Report on developments in UPOV (document TWP/10/6)
20. Closing of the session

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